

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH

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IN DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ORDER

Per the provision of Minnesota Section 629.72, Subd. 2A, the undersigned as Chief Judge of the Fifth Judicial District does hereby appoint and convene an Advisory Group to develop and periodically update standards for the use of electronic monitoring and global position system (GPS) devices to protect victims of domestic abuse as well as to evaluate the effectiveness of such device.

The undersigned are appointed as Co-Chairs of the advisory group:

- Hon. Robert Docherty, Judge of District Court, Brown County
- Patrick McDermott, Assistant Blue Earth County Attorney

Additional Advisory Group Members are appointed as follows:

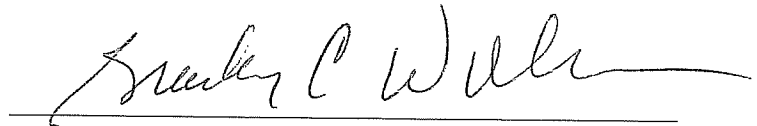
- Michelle Zehnder Fischer, Nicollet County Attorney
- Scott Cutcher, Fifth Judicial District Chief Public Defender
- Randy Baker, Brown County Probation Department
- Rick Maes, Lyon County Attorney
- Josh Milow, Blue Earth County Community Corrections Department
- Michael Maurer, Chief Deputy, Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office
- A representative of Crime Victim Organization to be selected by the Co-Chairs
- An industry representative with expertise in Global Positioning System Devices to be selected by the Co-Chairs.

Should additional individuals be suggested for inclusion in the Advisory Group by the Co-Chairs, the undersigned will consider adding them per an amended Order. The Co-Chairs of the Advisory Group are nevertheless

authorized to invite other interested individuals who would have significant insight as to the charge of the Committee and allow them to participate as Ex-Officio contributing members.

The Advisory Group shall conduct meetings and research as deemed appropriate and report back to the undersigned as Chief Judge of District for review by the Judges of the District by March 31, 2015.

Dated: June 30, 2014

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bradley C. Walker", written over a horizontal line.

Hon. Bradley C. Walker
Chief Judge 5th Judicial District

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RE: GPS Monitoring of Domestic Abuse Offenders

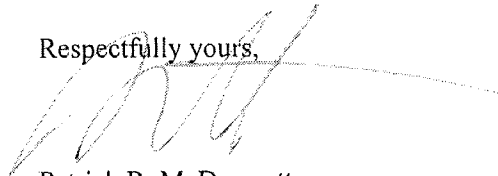
Dear Judge Walker:

In its 2013 Regular Session, the 88 Legislature enacted the attached legislation, codified at Minnesota Statutes Section 629.72, Subd. 2a, authorizing the chief judge of a judicial district to appoint and convene an advisory group to develop standards for the use of electronic monitoring and global positioning system devices to protect victims of domestic abuse, as well as to evaluate the effectiveness of such devices.

Pursuant to the legislation, the members of the group may represent law enforcement, prosecutors, defense attorneys, corrections, court administrators, the judiciary, and battered women's organizations. I believe the use of these devices could benefit domestic abuse victims in Blue Earth County and the Fifth Judicial District. I would like to meet with you and the others, which I have copied on this letter, to develop an advisory group in order to implement this system.

Please contact me to let me know what dates you would be available to meet. Thank you in advance.

Respectfully yours,



Patrick R. McDermott
Assistant County Attorney

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cc: Minnesota State Representative Clark P. Johnson
Michael Maurer, Chief Deputy, Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office
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SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION

S.F. No. 2736

(SENATE AUTHORS: KENT, Pappas, Hawj, Dziedzic and Marty)

DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/17/2014	6284	Introduction and first reading Referred to Judiciary
03/24/2014	6630a 6800	Comm report: To pass as amended Second reading
04/23/2014	8252a 8253	Special Order: Amended Third reading Passed
05/01/2014	8542 8542 8568	Returned from House with amendment Senate not concur, conference committee of 3 requested Senate conferees Kent; Goodwin; Rosen
05/02/2014	8628	House conferees Johnson, C.; Hilstrom; O'Neill
05/12/2014	9054c 9058	Conference committee report, delete everything Senate adopted CC report and repassed bill Third reading
05/13/2014	9311	House adopted SCC report and repassed bill

1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to public safety; authorizing counties to establish pilot projects to
 1.3 use GPS to monitor domestic abuse offenders; requiring reports; amending
 1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 609.135, subdivision 5a; 629.72, subdivision
 1.5 2a; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 609.02, subdivision 14.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 609.135, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 5a. **Domestic abuse victims; electronic monitoring; pilot project.** (a) Until
 1.9 ~~the commissioner of corrections~~ a judicial district has adopted standards under section
 1.10 629.72, subdivision 2a, paragraph (b), governing electronic monitoring devices used to
 1.11 protect victims of domestic abuse, ~~the~~ a court within the judicial district, as a condition
 1.12 of a stay of imposition or execution of a sentence, may not order an offender convicted
 1.13 of a crime described in paragraph (b) to use an electronic monitoring device to protect a
 1.14 victim's safety.

1.15 (b) This subdivision applies to the following crimes, if committed by the defendant
 1.16 against a family or household member as defined in section 518B.01, subdivision 2:

- 1.17 (1) violations of orders for protection issued under chapter 518B;
- 1.18 (2) assault in the first, second, third, or fifth degree under section 609.221, 609.222,
 1.19 609.223, or 609.224; or domestic assault under section 609.2242;
- 1.20 (3) criminal damage to property under section 609.595;
- 1.21 (4) disorderly conduct under section 609.72;
- 1.22 (5) harassing telephone calls under section 609.79;
- 1.23 (6) burglary under section 609.582;
- 1.24 (7) trespass under section 609.605;

- 2.1 (8) criminal sexual conduct in the first, second, third, fourth, or fifth degree under
 2.2 section 609.342, 609.343, 609.344, 609.345, or 609.3451; and
 2.3 (9) terroristic threats under section 609.713;
 2.4 (10) stalking under section 609.749;
 2.5 (11) violations of harassment restraining orders under section 609.748;
 2.6 (12) violations of domestic abuse no contact orders under section 629.75; and
 2.7 (13) interference with an emergency call under section 609.78, subdivision 2.
 2.8 (c) ~~Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the judges in the Tenth Judicial District may~~
 2.9 ~~order, as a condition of a stay of imposition or execution of a sentence, a defendant~~
 2.10 ~~convicted of a crime described in paragraph (b), to use an electronic monitoring device~~
 2.11 ~~to protect the victim's safety. The judges shall make data on the use of electronic~~
 2.12 ~~monitoring devices to protect a victim's safety in the Tenth Judicial District available to~~
 2.13 ~~the commissioner of corrections to evaluate and to aid in development of standards for the~~
 2.14 ~~use of devices to protect victims of domestic abuse. The location data associated with the~~
 2.15 ~~victim and offender are security information as defined in section 13.37. Location data~~
 2.16 ~~maintained by a law enforcement agency, probation authority, prosecutorial agency, or~~
 2.17 ~~court services department may be shared among those agencies to develop and monitor~~
 2.18 ~~conditions of a stayed sentence under this section.~~
 2.19 (d) A violation of a location restriction by an offender in a situation involving a
 2.20 victim and offender who are both mobile does not automatically constitute a violation of
 2.21 the conditions of the offender's stayed sentence.

- 2.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE; SUNSET.** (a) This section is effective the day following
 2.23 final enactment.
 2.24 (b) The amendments to this section expire on August 1, 2017.

2.25 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 629.72, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

2.26 Subd. 2a. **Electronic monitoring; condition of pretrial release; pilot project.**

- 2.27 (a) ~~Until the commissioner of corrections a judicial district has adopted standards under~~
 2.28 ~~paragraph (b) governing electronic monitoring devices used to protect victims of domestic~~
 2.29 ~~abuse, the a court within the judicial district, as a condition of release, may not order a~~
 2.30 ~~person arrested for a crime described in section 609.135, subdivision 5a, paragraph (b), to~~
 2.31 ~~use an electronic monitoring device to protect a victim's safety.~~

- 2.32 (b) ~~Notwithstanding paragraph (a), district courts in the Tenth Judicial District may~~
 2.33 ~~order, as a condition of a release, a person arrested on a charge of a crime described~~
 2.34 ~~in section 609.135, subdivision 5a, paragraph (b), to use an electronic monitoring~~
 2.35 ~~device to protect the victim's safety. The courts shall make data on the use of electronic~~

3.1 ~~monitoring devices to protect a victim's safety in the Tenth Judicial District available to~~
3.2 ~~the commissioner of corrections to evaluate and to aid in development of standards for the~~
3.3 ~~use of devices to protect victims of domestic abuse. The chief judge of a judicial district~~
3.4 ~~may appoint and convene an advisory group to develop and biennially update standards~~
3.5 ~~for the use of electronic monitoring and global positioning system devices to protect~~
3.6 ~~victims of domestic abuse. The advisory group must be comprised of representatives~~
3.7 ~~from law enforcement, prosecutors, defense attorneys, corrections, court administrators,~~
3.8 ~~probation, judges, and crime victim organizations, and include an industry representative~~
3.9 ~~with expertise in global positioning system devices. At a minimum, the standards must:~~
3.10 ~~(1) require a judge to order only the use of active, real-time monitoring;~~
3.11 ~~(2) require that the victim and defendant be provided with information on the risks and~~
3.12 ~~benefits of using active, real-time monitoring and a notice outlining the district's standards;~~
3.13 ~~(3) require informed, voluntary consent by the victim before the defendant may be~~
3.14 ~~released on electronic monitoring, and provide for time-sensitive procedures if a victim~~
3.15 ~~withdraws consent;~~
3.16 ~~(4) address financial costs, accessibility, and implications to the defendants and~~
3.17 ~~victims;~~
3.18 ~~(5) provide for ongoing training and consultation with the advisory group members~~
3.19 ~~to continually improve victim safety and defendant accountability; and~~
3.20 ~~(6) require that in situations involving a victim and defendant who are both mobile,~~
3.21 ~~the monitoring entity, and not the victim, determines if a material violation may have~~
3.22 ~~occurred and how to respond.~~
3.23 ~~(c) The location data associated with the victim and defendant are security~~
3.24 ~~information as defined in section 13.37. Location data maintained by a law enforcement~~
3.25 ~~agency, probation authority, prosecutorial agency, or court services department may be~~
3.26 ~~shared among those agencies to develop and monitor conditions of release under this~~
3.27 ~~section.~~
3.28 ~~(d) A violation of a location restriction by a defendant in a situation involving a~~
3.29 ~~victim and defendant who are both mobile does not automatically constitute a violation of~~
3.30 ~~the conditions of the defendant's release.~~

3.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE; SUNSET.** (a) This section is effective retroactively from
3.32 January 15, 2014.

3.33 (b) The amendments to this section expire on August 1, 2017.

3.34 Sec. 3. **REPORT REQUIRED.**

4.1 (a) The district court administrator of a judicial district participating in a pilot
4.2 project authorized by this act shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of
4.3 the senate and house of representatives committees having jurisdiction over criminal
4.4 justice policy on the district's pilot project one year after the date of implementation. For
4.5 purposes of this paragraph, implementation begins on the date the first defendant is placed
4.6 on electronic monitoring under the pilot project.

4.7 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the Second Judicial District court administrator
4.8 shall submit an interim report by January 15, 2015, and a final report by January 15, 2017,
4.9 to the legislators described in paragraph (a), if the Second Judicial District participates
4.10 in the pilot project authorized by this act.

4.11 Sec. 4. **REPEALER.**

4.12 Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 609.02, subdivision 14, is repealed.

4.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

APPENDIX
Repealed Minnesota Statutes: S2736-3

609.02 DEFINITIONS.

Subd. 14. **Electronic monitoring device.** As used in sections 609.135, subdivision 5a, 611A.07, and 629.72, subdivision 2a, "electronic monitoring device" means a radio frequency transmitter unit that is worn at all times on the person of a defendant in conjunction with a receiver unit that is located in the victim's residence or on the victim's person. The receiver unit emits an audible and visible signal whenever the defendant with a transmitter unit comes within a designated distance from the receiver unit.